



# National Weather Service

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



July 2001

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### ILLINOIS, South

#### Franklin County

**1 N West Frankfort to West Frankfort**    **03**    **1708CST**          **0**    **0**    **25K**    **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**  
**1720CST**

Numerous trees were blown down in and near West Frankfort. Just north of West Frankfort, a few trees were down across Highway 37. In West Frankfort, a two-foot diameter tree knocked down power lines. A large tree limb fell on a car and damaged a roof. A tree fell on the side of a house and damaged the siding. Four power lines were down in the area.

#### Franklin County

**4 E West Frankfort**    **03**    **1710CST**          **0**    **0**       **Hail (1.75)**

#### Williamson County

**3 N Johnston City**    **03**    **1740CST**          **0**    **0**       **Hail (0.75)**

#### Jackson County

**Carbondale**    **03**    **1740CST**          **0**    **0**       **Hail (1.00)**

#### Jackson County

**3 E Carbondale**    **03**    **1815CST**          **0**    **0**       **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Five trees were down on Old Route 13.

#### Williamson County

**10 W Marion**    **03**    **1835CST**          **0**    **0**       **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Four trees were down over western parts of the county.

#### Jackson County

**2 NW Carbondale**    **03**    **1835CST**          **0**    **0**       **Hail (0.75)**

#### Jackson County

**Carbondale**    **03**    **1905CST**          **0**    **0**       **Flash Flood**  
**2145CST**

Slow-moving thunderstorms caused extensive street flooding in Carbondale, with one to two feet of water at some intersections. Some streets were closed. Manhole covers were reportedly "blown" 12 to 18 inches above the road surface

#### ILZ075>078-080>094

**Jefferson - Wayne - Edwards - Wabash - Perry - Franklin - Hamilton - White - Jackson - Williamson - Saline - Gallatin - Union - Johnson - Pope - Hardin - Alexander - Pulaski - Massac**

**07 1500CST**          **0**    **0**       **Excessive Heat**  
**09 1400CST**

Daytime high temperatures in the mid to upper 90's, combined with dew points in the mid 70's, resulted in heat indices from 105 to 112 degrees. Nighttime heat indices only fell to around 80.

#### Perry County

**Countywide**    **18**    **1300CST**          **0**    **0**    **10K**    **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Numerous trees were blown down, some of which landed on power lines. In DuQuoin, a house roof's aluminum border was blown off.

#### Perry County

**Du Quoin**    **18**    **1300CST**          **0**    **0**       **Urban/Sml Stream Fld**  
**1400CST**

Thunderstorms produced 1.2 inches of rain in about an hour, causing street flooding. Up to a foot of water was standing on South Oak Street.

#### Franklin County

**Rend Lake South to Benton**    **18**    **1330CST**          **0**    **0**       **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**  
**1345CST**

Damaging wind gusts associated with a cluster of severe thunderstorms spread southeast across Franklin County. Tree and power line damage was reported in many sections of the county. The first report of damage in the county was at Rend Lake, where trees were blown down. In Benton, large limbs and trees were down, and a third floor window was blown out of a building. A couple of trees were downed in Zeigler.



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### ILLINOIS, South

#### Franklin County

Benton to  
West Frankfort

18 1345CST 1400CST 0 0 10K Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Thunderstorms producing damaging winds moved slowly south across Franklin County. Numerous trees and large limbs were blown down in West Frankfort.

#### Jackson County

Carbondale

18 1352CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Two trees and one power line were down.

#### Williamson County

Johnston City

18 1400CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G52)

Numerous trees were blown down, some of which were up to 2 feet in diameter. Winds were estimated up to 65 MPH. The worst damage occurred east of Interstate 57. In Marion, police reported trees down in several locations. Several trees and power lines were blown down in Herrin.

#### Johnson County

New Burnside to  
3 E Goreville

18 1409CST 1420CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Trees were down, mainly in northeast Johnson County around New Burnside.

#### Saline County

Countywide

18 1410CST 1425CST 0 0 10K Thunderstorm Wind (G52)

Thunderstorm winds blew down numerous trees across Saline County. The brunt of the damage extended from 4 or 5 miles west of Harrisburg through Stonefort to the Pope County border. This included Carrier Mills and Ledford. Some of the trees landed on houses, but no exact count was available.

#### Saline County

Harrisburg

18 1415CST 1515CST 0 0 Urban/Sml Stream Fld

Thunderstorms dropped 1.5 inches of rain in about an hour at the Harrisburg water plant. Some street flooding occurred, with one to two feet of water at one intersection.

#### Hardin County

Rosiclare

18 1445CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Thunderstorm winds downed numerous trees across Hardin County, including a few in Rosiclare.

#### Pope County

Countywide

18 1445CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Numerous trees were blown down across the county. One man was killed when his truck struck a fallen tree on Route 146, then overturned into a roadside creek.

#### Alexander County

Cairo

18 1545CST 0 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Large tree limbs were blown down.

#### Alexander County

Olive Branch

19 1045CST 1140CST 0 0 Flash Flood

Slow-moving thunderstorms persisted for several hours in a narrow band along the Mississippi River. On the Illinois side of the river, the heaviest rain was north of Cairo in Alexander County. Radar estimated rainfall amounts from 4 to 6 inches in this band. The automated observing system at the Cape Girardeau, Missouri airport measured about 5 inches of rain in six hours. Sections of Route 3 in Olive Branch were under water. Several smaller roads were closed.



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### ILLINOIS, South

#### **Johnson County**

2 SW Simpson	23	1830CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Three trees were blown down across county roads.

#### **White County**

Crossville	24	0500CST 0700CST			0	0			Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Thunderstorms dumped very heavy rain over the county, with the highest amounts near Crossville. Authorities closed a section of Route 1 near Crossville for a short time.

#### **Pulaski County**

Olmsted	26	0200CST 0500CST			0	0	25K		Flash Flood
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Slow-moving thunderstorms dumped torrential rains over Pulaski County. An engineer with the county highway department measured 3.5 inches of rain during the early morning hours. Rushing floodwater blocked Illinois Route 37 in two places for more than 4 hours near Olmsted and just south of America Road. An Olmsted convenience store was flooded by 5 inches of water. More than 20 county roads were closed. Four culverts were washed away by erosion and fast-moving debris. The hardest hit areas were in the central parts of the county, between New Grand Chain and America. Heavy rain damaged the roof of the Olmsted library and leaked into the building, damaging books.

### INDIANA, Southwest

#### **Pike County**

Petersburg	22	1240CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Four trees were down.

#### **Pike County**

Petersburg	22	1245CST 1345CST			0	0			Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Slow-moving thunderstorms produced torrential downpours, estimated over 2 inches per hour. Road flooding was reported

#### **Gibson County**

Princeton	23	1517CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Trees and power lines were blown down on the east and northeast side of Princeton.

#### **Vanderburgh County**

Evansville	25	1630CST 1830CST			0	0			Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Slow-moving thunderstorms caused some street flooding in and around Evansville, with water depths commonly 3 to 5 inches.

#### **Pike County**

Winslow	25	1720CST 1830CST			0	0			Urban/Sml Stream Fld
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Slow-moving thunderstorms caused some county roads to flood. A spotter reported 1.5 to 2 inches per hour.

#### **Gibson County**

1.5 SW Ft Branch	26	1015CST 1045CST			0	0			Funnel Cloud
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### INDIANA, Southwest



*The funnel cloud was observed over open farmland near Fort Branch.*

A funnel cloud was photographed just southwest of Fort Branch over a 30-minute period. The funnel was not associated with strong or severe thunderstorms.

#### **Vanderburgh County Evansville**

<b>28</b>	<b>1730CST 1840CST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Funnel Cloud</b>
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Over a period of about an hour and 45 minutes, numerous funnel clouds were observed over the Evansville area. One of the funnel clouds was photographed near the Vanderburgh County fairgrounds and 4H Center. No touchdowns were known to have occurred. Meteorological conditions were highly unfavorable for tornadoes, and no strong or severe thunderstorms were present.

#### **Gibson County Princeton to Ft Branch**

<b>29</b>	<b>0230CST 0430CST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8K</b>	<b>Flash Flood</b>
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Slow-moving thunderstorms produced excessive amounts of rainfall over much of Gibson County. Widespread street flooding occurred in Princeton. A section of Route 168 between Owensville and Fort Branch was flooded, but the road remained open. South of Princeton, one lane of U.S. Highway 41 was flooded. Behind the Toyota auto plant, Pigeon Creek rose rapidly out of its banks and flooded a couple of homes. Backed-up storm sewers flooded at least one basement in Princeton.

#### **Spencer County 1 NE Gentryville**

<b>29</b>	<b>1637CST</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tornado (F0)</b>
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A trained spotter observed a funnel cloud dip below the treeline before dissipating. No damage was observed. The tornado was not associated with a strong or severe thunderstorm.



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### KENTUCKY, Southwest

#### McLean County

**Livermore**      **04**      **0945CST**           **0**      **0**      **2K**      **Lightning**  
 Lightning struck a tree, causing it to fall on power lines and start a fire.

#### Hopkins County

**Madisonville**      **05**      **0630CST**           **0**      **0**      **5K**      **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**  
 Several trees were brought down by thunderstorm winds. A large tree fell on a house on Hall Street. Electricity was cut to about 200 customers.

#### Muhlenberg County

**2 W Greenville**      **05**      **0715CST**           **0**      **0**           **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**  
 Several trees were blown down.

#### KYZ001>022

**Fulton - Hickman - Carlisle - Ballard - Mcracken - Graves - Livingston - Marshall - Calloway - Crittenden - Lyon - Trigg - Caldwell - Union - Webster - Hopkins - Christian - Henderson - Daviess - Mclean - Muhlenberg - Todd**

**07 1500CST**      **0**      **0**           **Excessive Heat**  
**09 1400CST**

Daytime high temperatures in the mid to upper 90's, combined with dew points in the mid 70's, resulted in heat indices from 105 to 112 degrees. Nighttime heat indices only fell to around 80. The highest temperature at Paducah during this heat wave was 99 degrees. The Salvation Army reported giving out many more fans than usual for July, which apparently helped keep heat-related illnesses to a minimum. No heat-related fatalities were reported.

#### Marshall County

**Benton**      **09**      **1730CST**           **0**      **0**      **30K**      **Thunderstorm Wind**  
 The roof was blown off the Wildlife Management Center building. Seven or eight large trees were blown down. Numerous power lines were down in the area. A shed off Bethel Road was completely destroyed. The damage was mainly on the east side of Benton.

#### Carlisle County

**4 SW Bardwell to Milburn**      **09**      **1915CST**           **0**      **0**      **50K**      **Thunderstorm Wind**  
**1930CST**

Numerous trees were reported down, mainly in south and southwest parts of the county. The estimated total number of downed trees was around 70. Tree damage from the storm resulted in numerous state and county road closings, minor damage to one house, and interruption of power to approximately one-third of the county for several hours

#### Mccracken County

**Reidland**      **18**      **1455CST**           **0**      **1**      **10K**      **Tstm Wind/Hail**  
 Thunderstorm winds gusted to 43 MPH at the Paducah National Weather Service. Although very few trees were brought down, one large tree landed on a passing vehicle in Reidland. Shortly after the dead 40-foot tree crushed her moving vehicle, fire broke out in the car. The female driver was extricated from the vehicle by firefighters within 30 minutes. She was not seriously injured, but required hospitalization for extensive bruising.

#### Lyon County

**Countywide**      **18**      **1515CST**           **0**      **0**      **25K**      **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**  
**1530CST**  
 Thunderstorms produced damaging winds that downed about 100 trees and power lines. A few trailers were damaged by fallen trees. One trailer on State Route 1055 was damaged enough that it became uninhabitable. Some residents were without power for several hours.

#### Marshall County

**Countywide**      **18**      **1515CST**           **0**      **0**      **10K**      **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**  
**1530CST**  
 Trees were blown down at several locations across Marshall County, including Benton, Fairdealing, Highway 641 North, and 5 miles east of Benton. Power lines were down at Gilbertsville, Benton, and Draffenville



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### KENTUCKY, Southwest

#### Trigg County Countywide

18	1544CST			0	0	10K	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Thunderstorm winds downed at least 40 trees in the county. One of the trees landed on a house in northern Trigg County. Power outages extended well into the night for some residents.

#### Caldwell County 4 E Princeton

18	1600CST			0	0		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Electric utility spokesmen reported numerous trees down along and east of Highway 91

#### Calloway County Kirksey to Murray

18	1615CST			0	0	10K	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Trees were blown down on both the north and south end of Murray. Wires were down at scattered locations in the city. Near Kirksey, several limbs were down, and a whole tree was blown across Kirksey Highway. Power was restored to all customers within 5 or 6 hours.

#### Fulton County Cayce

18	1650CST			0	0	3K	<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Power lines were blown down.

#### Calloway County Countywide

24	0945CST 1200CST			0	0		<b>Flash Flood</b>
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#### Livingston County Grand Rivers

24	0945CST 1130CST			0	0		<b>Flash Flood</b>
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#### Marshall County Countywide

24	0945CST 1115CST			0	0		<b>Flash Flood</b>
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Thunderstorms producing torrential downpours were nearly stationary over Calloway County, including the city of Murray, for a couple of hours. Spotters reported rainfall rates up to 2.4 inches per hour. Rainfall totals up to 4 and 5 inches occurred at Murray and Benton, mostly within two hours. In Murray, vehicles were nearly completely submerged at one apartment complex. A motorist was trapped in his submerged vehicle after attempting to cross a flooded stretch of Highway 121. He was rescued, uninjured, by passers-by. Numerous streets were flooded in Murray, and a few buildings reported some water in them. An electric substation that serves Murray State University was shut down due to potential flooding, causing power outages to several campus buildings. Across Marshall and southern Livingston Counties, the storms were moving, but multiple storms deluged the same locations. About 30,000 dollars damage was done to roads in Marshall County. Flooded roads in Marshall County included Kentucky 80 east, Kentucky 408 east, and about 20 smaller roads. In Benton, a bridge on West 9th Street was washed out, and overflowing creeks damaged a city park and a few mobile homes. Sewer lines backed up into basements across Benton. Town Creek came out of its banks and flooded the area near East 14th and Birch Streets. In the Grand Rivers section of Livingston County, flooding on Ridge Road pulled 60 feet of culvert out of the ground.

#### Daviess County Whitesville

25	2315CST			0	0		<b>Flash Flood</b>
26	0200CST						

Thunderstorms repeatedly moved across Daviess County from the late evening of the 25th into the wee morning hours of the 26th. The heaviest rainfall was near Whitesville, in the eastern part of the county. Radar estimated more than 3 inches per hour in that area. Water was standing on numerous roads in Whitesville.



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### KENTUCKY, Southwest

#### **Ballard County Countywide**

26	0430CST 0900CST				0	0	25K		<b>Urban/Sml Stream Fld</b>
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A large cluster of thunderstorms moved slowly across the county, producing very heavy rainfall. Some road flooding occurred, with washouts causing damage in a few spots.

#### **Union County Sturgis to 4 E Sturgis**

26	1930CST 2145CST				0	0			<b>Flash Flood</b>
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Slow-moving thunderstorms produced very heavy rainfall, with radar estimates around 3 inches in 4 hours just east of Sturgis. Serious street flooding was reported in Sturgis, with water getting into some residences. Highway 270 was flooded just east of Sturgis.

#### **Livingston County North Portion**

26 27	2130CST 0030CST				0	0			<b>Flash Flood</b>
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Slow-moving thunderstorms produced torrential rainfall across northern parts of Livingston County, with around 5 inches in 24 hours. County officials estimated damage to roads was around 100,000 dollars. Road damage was reported in Burna, Salem, Carrsville, Lola, and Joy. A bridge was washed out on Campground Road near Hampton. Water undermined roads in Lola and Joy. Sections of two rural roads were rendered impassable by washouts.

#### **Muhlenberg County Greenville**

27	1530CST 1700CST				0	0			<b>Urban/Sml Stream Fld</b>
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Slow-moving thunderstorms dumped very heavy rain. Water was reported over some roads in Greenville

#### **Daviess County 1 S Owensboro**

29	1613CST 1632CST				0	0			<b>Funnel Cloud</b>
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Numerous reports were received of a funnel cloud. The funnel cloud reportedly showed only slight rotation, and would rapidly form and dissipate in cycles. Meteorological conditions were not favorable for tornadoes, and no severe thunderstorms were in the area.

#### **Daviess County Utica**

29	1715CST 1900CST				0	0			<b>Urban/Sml Stream Fld</b>
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Torrential rains from slow-moving thunderstorms caused flooding of Kentucky Highway 140 in the 200 block. About two and a half feet of water was over the road, apparently from flooding of Two Mile Creek

### MISSOURI, Southeast

#### **Wayne County 4 N Patterson**

05	0440CST				0	0			<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
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**MOZ076-086>087-100-107>112-114 Perry - Bollinger - Cape Girardeau - Wayne - Carter - Ripley - Butler - Stoddard - Scott - Mississippi - New Madrid**

07 09	1500CST 1400CST				1	0			<b>Excessive Heat</b>
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Daytime high temperatures in the mid to upper 90's, combined with dew points in the mid 70's, resulted in heat indices from 105 to 112 degrees. Nighttime heat indices only fell to around 80. On July 9, an elderly male was found in his Cape Girardeau home three days after he died from heat stroke. The home had no air conditioning, and the windows of the home were nailed shut for safety. M74PH



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### MISSOURI, Southeast

#### **Bollinger County**

<b>15 S Marble Hill</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>1830CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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The road department reported trees down on a county road.

#### **Perry County**

<b>Brewer</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1414CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
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#### **Cape Girardeau County**

<b>2 N Cape Girardeau</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1510CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6K</b>		<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Trees were down on Route W north of Cape Girardeau, bringing a power line down. In the northwest corner of the county, trees were down in the vicinity of Friedheim. Fallen power lines were reported in Gordonville.

#### **Cape Girardeau County**

<b>Cape Girardeau</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1515CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (1.00)</b>
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#### **Scott County**

<b>Miner</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1556CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G52)</b>
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Small trees were blown down by winds estimated near 60 MPH.

#### **Stoddard County**

<b>Dexter</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1610CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Numerous tree tops were sheared off by thunderstorm winds.

#### **Mississippi County**

<b>Wyatt</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1615CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Numerous trees and power lines were blown down.

#### **Wayne County**

<b>5 S Greenville</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1630CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (0.88)</b>
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#### **Butler County**

<b>Poplar Bluff</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1710CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Thunderstorm Wind (G50)</b>
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Tree limbs, some of them large, were down in Poplar Bluff.

#### **Ripley County**

<b>5 SW Doniphan</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1837CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Hail (0.75)</b>
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#### **Cape Girardeau County**

<b>Cape Girardeau</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0855CST 1140CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50K</b>		<b>Flash Flood</b>
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#### **Scott County**

<b>Kelso to Scott City</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1045CST 1140CST</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>Flash Flood</b>
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Widespread, major street flooding occurred in Cape Girardeau. Vehicles stalled, and emergency crews rescued trapped motorists from water as deep as 8 feet. Some buildings received water damage, including 36 homeowners who reported basement flooding to city officials. One home's basement wall collapsed. At Southeast Missouri State University, the basement of the crime lab was flooded. At Southeast Missouri Hospital, a broken roof drain caused thousands of gallons of water to flood the hospital's material management offices and a warehouse. In Cape Girardeau County, five families were evacuated from Jefferson Street in Jackson, which received 4.25 inches of rain in 6 hours. Jackson closed its city park to keep people away from flooded Hubble Creek. Route K and Route AB were closed. In Scott County, portions of northbound Interstate 55 between the 85 and 86 mile markers were inundated. Highway 311 near Kelso was also inundated. Floodwaters covered Main Street in Scott City, and several inches of water got into the city hall. Slow-moving thunderstorms persisted in a narrow north-to-south band along the Mississippi River, primarily eastern Cape Girardeau and Scott Counties. At the Cape Girardeau Airport, the automated observing system measured about 5 inches of rain in 6 hours. An unofficial report was received of 6.5 inches on the south side of Cape Girardeau.



